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TOPIC Military Information from Zeithain Troop Training Grounds

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1. Between 7 and 15 April 1954, Camp Zeithain quartered an estimated 600 to 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including 50 percent with artillery insignia and 50 percent with tank insignia. At about 11 a.m. on 7 April, T-34/85 was entrained at Roederan railroad station. From 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily between 8 and 10 April, artillery firing was heard from the direction of the troop training grounds. At about 1 p.m. on 12 April, T-34/85 tanks arrived at the training grounds, presumably from the direction of Meissen. At about 10 a.m. on 13 April, T-34/85 tanks and JS-2 tanks were loaded at Roederan railroad station, presumably for shipment toward Falkenberg. At about 1 p.m. on 15 April, BA-64 half-track armored personnel carriers and M-3 armored personnel carrier left the training grounds toward Oschatz. From 1 to 6 p.m. daily between 12 and 15 April, heavy gun fire was heard from the training grounds. 25X1

2. The following motor vehicles were identified in traffic to and from Camp Zeithain:

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3. At about 3 p.m. on 7 April, a troop train of 1 boxcar with about 10 to 15 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 3 SS-type flatcars with T-34/85 tanks was en route toward Dresden from the direction of Riesa. 25X1

Comment. Report refers to the usual training activity of the 9th Tank Div. A large-scale exercise terminated on 6 April. 25X1

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